PERMISSION FOR UTILISING THE RIVER AND NALLA WATER AT KHANAPUR TALUK

89. Sri N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether permission for utilisation of river water and nalla water is to be obtained from the Public Works Department and whether any time limit has been fixed so as to avoid inconvenience to the ryots;

(*b*) if so, the number of applications requesting such permission received either at Khanapur P.W.D. Office or at Belgaum P.W.D. Office and the number of applications disposed off and the number of applications pending and since when?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Permission for utilisation of river water and nalla water is to be obtained from the Public Works Department. No time limit has been fixed for granting such permission under the Mysore Irrigation Act, 1965, the Irrigation Officer is empowered to grant such permission. The time taken depends upon the merits of each case as he has to consider such a grant after examining the interests of the lower irrigation works and water supply needs, availability of required flow in the nalla or stream, etc.

(*b*) No applications have been received and no permission has been granted so far to anybody for utilising water from nallas or rivers.

ABOLITION OF CHECK POSTS OF SALES TAX DEPARTMENT.

94. Sri B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—

Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the reasons for not accepting the recommendations of Bhoothalingam Committee regarding the abolition of check-posts of Sales Tax Department;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is corrunption in large scale at these check-posts;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government has any proposal before it to post I.A.S. Officers to big check-posts which are yielding heavy income;